Mr. *GERY*'s CASE, &c.

ON the 23d of *April* laſt, about Eleven at Night, Mr. *Gery* imprudently went out of his Way about twenty Yards, into a Ground-Floor-Room with two Women, who lock'd the Doors on him; which with the diſmalneſs of the Place ſo afrighted him, that he gave them Two Shillings in order to let him out again, ſaying, He would not ſtay for fear his Throat ſhould be cut there; one of the Women reply'd, Sir, don't offer to go, for the *Reforming Conſtables* are now in the Court, and will carry us all to the Compter; to which *Gery* reply'd, They can but carry me to the Watch-Houſe, or before a Juſtice, which is what I deſire, for I have not broke the Peace: At that Inſtant ſeveral Perſons were at the Door, and one of them ſaid, *Nanny*, pray open the Door; then *Gery* immediately open'd both the Doors, and ſaid, if they wanted him he was ready to go with them, either to the Watch-Houſe or before a Juſtice. But was immediately collar'd and forc'd back into the Paſſage by five Men, but caught hold near the Hinges of the Door, and forc'd himſelf to the Threſhold, on which they knock'd him down and broke his Head in three Places; and for near half an Hour kept kicking, ſtamping on, and punching him under the Arms, crying Damn you, ſtand up like a Man; to all which *Gery* ſaid, into that Room I'll never enter more. Then reply'd the Gang, we will carry ſuch a Villain as you to Priſon. *Gery* all this while kept ſitting upon the Door-threſhold, crying out, Murder, Thieves, Fire; and ſoon after they forced his Sword from under him, and gave him two Stabs through the Fob-Pocket of his Leather-Hunting-Breeches, and, on feeling the Blood trickle down very warm, *Gery* cried out, One of you Rogues has ſtabbed me; but I hope I have raiſed Evidence enough to hang you if mortal; and continued crying out Murder as before, till a Watchman came up to his Aſſiſtance with a Candle and Lanthorn, which theſe civil *Reformers of Manners* knock'd out about his Ears; and ſo they continued beating and knocking *Gery*'s Head againſt the Door-poſt till more Company and Lights gathered about them: They then dragged *Gery* into the adjoining Court, and forced him up *Ludgate-Hill*, where being well known, he caught at every Knocker, and ſet his Foot againſt every Poſt, but was forc'd to quit his hold, after the Words *Knuckle him*, and drop his Leg, after the Blows given thereon which follow'd the Words *Hock him:* The Paſſengers were afraid of theſe *Reformers*, who were now ſeven in Number, and of *Gery* alſo, his Head and Body being all Blood and Dirt, and naked to his Waſtband, his Coat, Waſtcoat, and Shirt being tore in Pieces. Thus they kickt, pomil'd, and gored him on to *Woodſtreet Compter*, avoiding the Watch-Houſes, and, without any Charge or Juſtice's Warrant, with Kicks and Blows forced him into Priſon, tho' Mr. *Elliſton* an Eminent Citizen, and Mr. *St. Hill* his Surgeon, which laſt came to dreſs his Wounds, offer'd any Bail: But this was refuſed, and like a Criminal he was lock'd up all Night in a miſerable Room, paid Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence for that Night's Lodging, Two Shillings for Sheets, beſides Money for a Piece of Candle ſtuck againſt the Wall, and ſuch like Civilites, only for being in a Room with two Women, with whom he committed no Indecencies, and from whoſe Company he deſired as ſoon as poſſible to be removed.

In Purſuance of this Affair, the next Morning, *Gery* was carried before the late Lord Mayor, and gave an Affidavit of his Uſage as above; on which his Lordſhip demanded the Mittimus for his Commitment, but there being none to be found the Goaler was obliged to produce the Perſons by whoſe Authority 'twas done. Moſt of whom were bound over, and at the next Seſſions the Bill was found againſt them. The ſaid *Gery* being then ſufficiently recovered from his Wounds and Fever, to return from *Leiceſterſhire* (whether he was retired) to carry on his Cauſe. His Affairs calling him out of Town a ſecond Time, they removed the Bill in the mean Time, by a *Certiorari*, and on his third Return has been detained four Months here in attending their Applications for a *Noli Proſequi* from the Attorney General, which being denied upon Hearing, they forfeited their Recognizance. Since which the Cauſe was brought on without any previous Notice to the ſaid *Gery* or his Attorney, whereby they were intirely unprepared for a Hearing, and the proper Officer returning upon the *Certiorari*, that on the 11th of *May*, *Anno Quarto*, inſtead of *Tertio* (had which been in a legible Hand, *Gery* might have found out himſelf) the Indictment was quaſh'd; whereby the ſaid *Gery* became a Loſer of all his Time, and the Charges of his Proſecution; without the leaſt Proſpect of Indemnification or Amends for his Abuſe. — A full Proof of the Difficulty of procuring Juſtice, when a ſingle Perſon is to oppoſe a Society, or ſtake a ſingle Fortune againſt a general Subſcription!

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